

**STATUTORY DECLARATION**

I, Jurgen Scheerder of The Netherlands, do HEREBY SOLEMNLY AND SINCERELY
DECLARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. I am a Scientist at DSM NeoResins BV (was Avecia B.V).
2. I have read and understood the specification of US 6,303,189.
3. I have read and understood the specification of US Patent Application No 10/509,233. I understand that the Examiner has raised US 6,303,189 as being of relevance to said U.S. Patent Appln. No. 10/509,233.
4. Under my supervision Example 1, sample C was prepared according to the description (column 3, line 63 to column 4, line 53) of US 6,303,189 except that instead of Sancure 1818 (column 4, line 11), Sancure 815 (column 3, line 39) was used. This was because Sancure 1818 was no longer commercially available from BF Goodrich (now Noveon).
5. Under my supervision the open time of sample C was measured according to the test method given in 10/509,233 (page 29, line 14 to 21) and was found to be 12 to 14 minutes at a temperature of 24°C and at a relative humidity of 40%.
7. It is clear therefore that sample C of US 6,303,189 does not meet the requirements of independent claim 1 in US Patent Application No 10/509,233, namely an open time of at least 20 minutes at 23 +/- 2°C.
8. I DECLARE that all statements made of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are conscientiously believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both (18USC 1001) and may jeopardize the validity of this patent application or any patent issuing thereon.

And I make this solemn declaration,

DECLARED at Waalwijk, The Netherlands, this 15th day of November 2005.

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Jurgen Scheerder